THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (c) The details of the action plan include :

(i) Construction of common effluent treatment plant at Wazirpur industrial area and feasibility of common effluent treatment plant at Mayapuri;

(ii) Upgradation of all sewage treatment plants of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi;

(iii) Regular monitoring of pollution levels at six ambient air quality monitoring stations;

(iv) Checking of vehicular emissions and authorising pollution checking facilities;

(v) Steps to reduce emissions from foundaries and coal fired boilers including installation of pollution control devices; and

(vi) No units to be granted consent to operate unless they have taken all air pollution control measures.

(d) No such specific date has been fixed in the Action Plan for making Delhi free from pollution.

Animals died in the Delhi Zoo

246. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that two rare animals, an African male rhinoceros and an orang otang died in the Delhi Zoo recently;

(b) if so, whether due to negligence on the part of Zoo authorities both the animals died;

(c) whether the Indian Veterinary Research Institute have conducted organs test in this behalf;

(d) if so, the results thereof; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to save Zoo animals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Yes, Sir. One orangutan died in January 1993 and the Rhinos in February 1993.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The IVRI, Izatnagar has conducted tests on the visera in the case of Rhinos and dignosed severe intestinal infection as the cause of death. In the case of orangutan the IVRI examined brain, large intestine, trachea, heart, liver and spleen. The cause of death of Orangutan was macroscopically diagnosed as pneumonia.

(e) Steps taken to prevent untimely deaths among the animals of the zoo are as under :

(i) Many animal enclosures have been completely renovated.

(ii) Filtered water is being supplied in the enclosures.

(iii) Sick animals are attended to and regular veterinary care is given by qualified veterinarians.

(iv) Whenever required services of other external veterinary experts are also taken.

Assault on Doon's Ecology

247. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a write-up which appeared in the Indian Express of 5th April, 1993, regarding assault on Doon's ecology; and

(b) what action has been taken to save the forests in this area and closing of quarries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has been advised to ensure that no illegal mining is permitted in the area.